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Westminster, *October* 30.

HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. *Astor*, Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, presented to Her Majesty the Rt. Hon. *John Smith* Esq; whom they had chosen for their Speaker; and Her Majesty was graciously pleas'd to approve of their Choice. After which the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, in Her Majesty's Name, adjourn'd the House till Thursday next.

Dublin, *October* 24. This Day the Lord Lieutenant went to the Parliament-House, with the usual Solemnity, and gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills;

An Act for granting to Her Majesty an Additional Duty on Beer, Ale, Strong-waters, Tobacco, Callicoes, Linens, Muslins, and other Goods and Merchandizes.

An Act for the publick Registring of all Deeds, Conveyances, and Wills, that shall be made of any Houses, Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments.

An Act for Cleansing the Port, Harbour, and River of Dublin, *and for Erecting a Ballast-Office in the said City.*

An Act for Lessening Sheriffs Fees on Executions.

An Act for Explaining and Limiting the Privileges of Parliament.

An Act for Partition of Lands.

An Act to Explain and Amend an Act, Entituled, An Act to prevent Papists being Solicitors.

An Act against Murdering Bastard-Children.

An Act for Civil Bills.

An Act for Settling the Estate of Anne *Lady Viscountess Dowager of* Clanmalier, *on* Richard *Lord* Bellew, *Baron of* Duleek, *and for raising* 3000 l. *thereout, for the Portion of* Mary Nugent, *Niece to the said Lady* Clanmalier, *and Wife of* Francis Bermingham, *eldest Son of* Edward *Lord Baron of* Arhenree.

Alicant, *October* 1. *N. S.* The Enemy, in order to recover the Credit of their Arms in these Parts, and turn to Advantage the Superiority they have over us in the Number of their Troops, immediately after their Repulse before Denia, resolv'd upon the Siege of Alcoy. They attack'd the Place with a great deal of Vigour, and reduc'd it to such Extremities, that the Garison capitulated for a Cessation of Arms, obliging themselves to surrender the Castle into the Enemy's Hands after Four Days from the Capitulation, in case it was not succoured within that time. The Place being of very great Consequence to the Allies, and absolutely necessary for covering all that part of the Country which extends it self to Denia on one side, and to Alicant on the other, it was resolved in a Council of War to endeavour the Relief of it. Accordingly Sir Charles Hotham march'd from hence with a Detachment of 600 Men, and 50 Mules loaden with Ammunition for the Garison. He was to have been join'd the next Day by a Body of 2000 Miquelets; but upon coming to the Place appointed for their rendezvous, he found them reduc'd to 400, the main Body having been put to the Rout and disper's'd the Day before, as they were conveying to the Besieged a great quantity of Provision and Ammunition from this Place. The Enemy were almost twice our Number, (having a Body of 1000 regular Foot, 400 regular Horse, and 400 Miquelets) and at the same time were possess'd of all the advantagious Posts: But seeing us resolv'd to attempt the Relief of the Place, and marching forward to attack them, they immediately abandon'd all their strong Posts and Passes, and retir'd from before the Town with the utmost Precipitation. Sir Charles Hotham, after having rais'd the Siege, and thrown so seasonable a Succour into the Place, marched with his Detachment to Torre de Mançales, a small Place, but fortified with a strong Tower, that was the Refuge of several Outlaws and Robbers, who very much annoy'd our Foot when they march'd that way. He blew it up, and level'd it with the Ground. Within a League of that Place he destroy'd a Magazine of the Enemy, where they had laid together above 10000 Quarters of Barly for the Supply of their Cavalry in those Parts. In his Return he took Xicona, and from thence march'd directly to Alicant, where he arriv'd at the Head of his Detachment, having suffer'd no manner of Loss in this Expedition. A Body of the Enemy follow'd him at a distance during his whole March back to Alicant; but did not think fit to give him any Disturbance. The French give out, that their Army before Lerida, under the Command of the Duke of Orleans, will consist of 70 Batralions and 80 Squadrons: But we hope the Troops from Italy may arrive soon enough for the Succour of that Place, and that the French will not be more successful in that Siege than they have been in others in this Country.

From on Board the Royal-Oak at Kinsale, *October* 12. On the 10th Instant, 26 Leagues off the Deadman, Commadore Edwards in the Cumberland, with the Devonshire, Chester, Ruby, and Royal-Oak, discover'd Fourteen French Sail, Five between 60 and 70 Guns, Five of 50, and Four small Ships. The Commadore made a Signal for the Line a-breast, standing under a pair of Top-sails, the Enemy bearing down upon us at 12 at Noon. The Commadore of the French, after having pass'd the Chester, and receiv'd her Broad-side, without returning so much as a Musquet, made directly to our Commadore. As soon as they were a-breast, they both began to fire, as did several other of the Enemy's Ships, which engag'd the Chester and Ruby. At the same time a Ship of 70 Guns came along our Starboard-Quarter, endeavouring to board us. We began to fire; but finding the Enemy would not come up a long Side, gave our Ship a Yaw to Starboard; upon which his Boltsprit carry'd away our Enlign-Staff and Lanthorn. As he pass'd under our Stern, he fir'd a Broad-side into us; but as he shot along our Larboard-Quarter, we return'd it with Double and Round. In firing along our Larboard, we saw he had a Design to board us on the Bow, another Ship of 70 Guns coming up to sustain him. We clapt our Helm hard a-Starboard, and came so near, that our Boltsprit took his Quarter, and carry'd it away with our Head, which brought him to. As he came along by our Starboard-side, (the small Shot firing on both sides all this while) we gave him again our Broad-side with Double and Round. He immediately took Fire, but it was extinguish'd in 5 Minutes; and after the Smoak was over, we saw him on the Careen. In less than an Hour's time, we saw our Commadore's Fore-mast, Mizen-mast, and Boltsprit, shot away, and a Cluster of 5 or 6 Ships on board each other, without firing on either side. Hereupon our Captain, after a Consult with his Officers, thought fit to endeavour saving the Ship. The Devonshire at the same time bore down upon us, and was soon after follow'd by 7 Sail of the Enemy; upon which we made all the Sail we could. The Devonshire made Sail with her Larboard-Tacks; and we quartering with our Starboard-Tacks, all the 7 Sail made after the Devonshire, by reason, as is suppos'd, of the Convoy on Head. As long as we could see their Hulls, the Devonshire maintain'd the Fight. We had in this Engagement 12 Men kill'd, 27 dangerously wounded, and the Ship very much endamaged.

Kinsale, *October* 21. This Day arrived in this Port the Litchfield Man of War, commanded by Captain Thomas Smith; the Norwich, by Capt. John Spann; the Woolwich, by Capt. Robert Thompson: All three Fourth Rates; with the Dispatch Brigantine, a Tender, Capt. Thomas Callon Commander. These Vessels were Convoy from East-India, but last from Crookhaven, to the following Merchant Ships; the Hampshire, Zachariah Tovey Commander; the Halifax, Henry Hudson; the Loyal Bliss, Robert Hudson; the Tankerville, Charles Newinham; the Loyal Merchant, Robert Shepherd; of 400 Tuns each; and the Union of the same Place, of 200 Tuns, John Frankland Commander: All of and for London, from Bengall and Maderas, laden with Bale-Goods, Salt-Petre, *&c.* At the same time came in the Well-beloved of Rochell, of 200 Tuns, laden with Wine, Brandy, and Beef, bound for Martinico, taken by the Woolwich Man of War; the John and Mary of London, burthen 80 Tuns, Thomas Farmer Master, from London, but last from Plimouth, with Stores of Ordnance for this Place.

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